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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Referrals from Central Processing

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1. Today I discussed with the Chief of Central Processing, [redacted], and his assistant, [redacted], the question of employees being referred to our office for legal advice. Apparently departing employees have been advised to secure a general power of attorney from this office. I conveyed our opinion that most employees should not execute such a form. However, where the individual has business interests or will be located overseas at a place where communication is difficult, he frequently should do so. We are glad to discuss with employees their needs in this matter.

2. Central Processing is aware that we no longer write wills for our personnel. However, we are glad to advise as to the desirability of drawing up a will and refer employees to a competent attorney. It seems desirable that the drafting be done by one of our cleared attorneys in most cases. We can exercise a certain amount of control and supervision over their activities and threats to security can be minimized. The employee can expect to be in touch with his attorney in the future for purposes of revising or revoking the original will; his whereabouts and the nature of his employment would frequently become known to the attorney. Also, in the event of death, we have found that major security problems arise in settling the estates of employees.

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